Our Mission

The Cobb County Adopt-A-Stream program strives to foster awareness of regional water quality issues. By educating volunteers about practical environmental solutions, we provide the tools and training needed to improve the quality of local waterways.

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Resources & Educational Materials

- Adopt-A-Stream Manuals
- Adopt-A-Stream Teachers Guide
- Adopt-A-Stream Videos
- Adopt-A-Stream Workshops
- Data Forms
- Newsletter
- Topographic maps
- Water Quality Brochures
- Water Quality Database
- Website at www.cobbstreams.org

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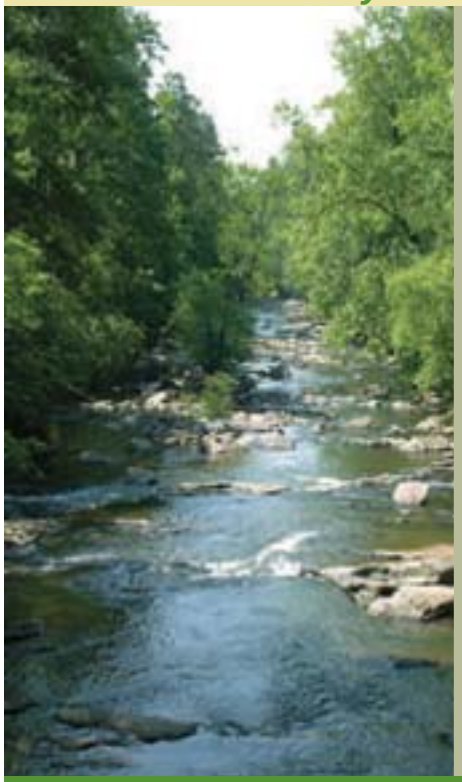
Protecting Local Waterways



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Cobb County Water System

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Cobb County Adopt-A-Stream is a public education program initiated by the Board of Commissioners to encourage watershed stewardship within our county. Inside our borders streams flow into the Etowah and Chattahoochee watersheds, the major sources of our drinking water. In an attempt to improve the water quality of our streams, the Cobb County Water System is helping train volunteers to monitor and improve stream health.

Is AAS for me?

Everyone is invited to participate in Adopt-A-Stream activities: individuals, families, local businesses, civic organizations, scout groups, churches. Anyone with an interest in nature and the environment is encouraged to join in the effort to keep Cobb County streams clean.

What can I do?

You can promote water quality awareness by volunteering. Participation varies from monthly water quality monitoring to single day activities such as stormdrain stenciling, and stream clean-ups. Protecting our waterways with Adopt-A-Stream activities is both fun and educational.

Should I be involved?

Individual behaviors are influencing the quality of Cobb's surface waters. The source of the problem is non-point source pollution, pollutants that can not be attributed to a single source. Surface runoff, pesticides, lawn fertilizers, construction sediment and yard debris are examples of pollutants that are easily flushed into stormdrains and later contaminate our streams. By monitoring the water quality in our local streams and modifying our daily behaviors, we may prevent these common pollutants from entering our waterways.

Where am I needed?

Here, there, anywhere, and everywhere. Where a drop of water flows, you are needed. You can adopt any stream, a neighborhood creek, a local river, or even a babbling brook.

How do I get started?

Contact the Cobb County Adopt-A-Stream Coordinator for information regarding your participation. Volunteers will be trained in Adopt-A-Stream sampling methods. We have a training facility that is available for group workshops on watershed assessment, chemical and biological monitoring, riparian vegetation, and other related topics. We will provide you with the assistance you need to make your Adopt-A-Stream project a success.

Okay, I'm Ready . . .

WATERSHED CLEAN UPS

Plan to clean up a river, stream, lake, or wetland.

WATER QUALITY MONITORING

Collect biological and chemical data on your stream segment.

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOPS

Learn about stream ecology and how to protect waterways.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Contact Adopt-A-Stream to speak on non-point source pollution and watershed assessment.

FACILITY TOURS

Arrange to tour the water quality laboratory or a wastewater reclamation facility.

STORM DRAIN STENCILING

Paint "*KEEP IT CLEAN - DRAINS TO STREAM*" on storm drains to increase awareness that storm water is not treated.

Adopt-A-Stream activities are ongoing throughout the year. If you would like to adopt a creek in your area or are interested in starting a project in your neighborhood, please contact the Cobb County Adopt-A-Stream Coordinator.